

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A sheet of tissue paper comprising at least one first embossed zone including ~~two arrays having~~ protrusions on one side corresponding to alveoles on an opposite side, the alveoles in said at least one first embossed zone ~~assuming~~ having a truncated pyramidal shape with pyramidal sides and having a substantially polygonal base; and at least one unembossed zone; wherein

— said alveoles are configured ~~along~~ as at least one array and adjacent alveoles in said array ~~present~~ have mutually facing pyramidal sides, and

— said mutually facing pyramidal sides of two adjacent alveoles subtend a bridge having rectilinear or substantially rectilinear edges of length L greater than a maximum width D of the bridge, wherein ~~one~~ said bridge subtends a path between two unembossed zones ~~that are separated by said array or~~ and at least two bridges connected to each other ~~subtends~~ subtend a path between two unembossed zones that are separated by said array of said alveoles.

17. (Currently Amended) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, wherein said ~~at least one~~ bridge is connected to ~~said~~ another bridge and subtends a path between two of said at least one unembossed zone which are separated by said at least one first embossed zone.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, wherein distance between two adjacent arrays in said at least one first embossed zone that are separated by one of said unembossed zone, ~~and~~ is between greater than one ~~and~~ to three times a width of said first embossed zone.

20. (Previously Presented) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, where the polygonal base of said alveoles is triangular.

21. (Previously Presented) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one wall of the alveoles slopes relative to vertical to a plane of the sheet and is between 20° and 45°.

22. (Previously Presented) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, wherein the alveoles have an area density of between 4 and 50 alveoles/cm<sup>2</sup>.

23. (Currently Amended) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, wherein ~~linear~~ alveoles present in a linear array have a linear density of between 2 and 20 alveoles/cm.

24. (Currently Amended) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, further comprising a second sheet of tissue paper joined to said sheet to provide a ~~double-thickness~~ two ply sheet.

25. (Previously Presented) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second sheet is dried by air crossflow.

26. (Previously Presented) Sheet of tissue paper as claimed in claim 16, wherein said arrays are concentric.

27. (Canceled).

28. (Canceled).

29. (Canceled).

30. (Canceled).

31. (Canceled).

32. (Canceled).